Dear Paul,

Sorry not to have responded to your 6/25 soongr. Between a little medical worry that has not gone away and remains without cause for diappearance and trying to keep up with all work there has been little time.

What I was able to do in the short time in Dallas in Jim's opinion met the immediate need. Without his urging me to see it this way and to do the ABC show I'd not have gone to New York to do it. I've had only a few letters snd calls on it.

There was a short period after Ray's escape, as I can now recall those busy days, during which I feared he would be killed. Especially when I heard the FBI was in on it. I never expected the locals to kill him. Unless he was armed and shot at them. which I considered unlikely. When I heard others had gone over with him I was satisfied he had not planned the break. Given a chance he'll make the wrong decision. Every time. Years ago after the first report of his attempt to break out of Brushy I warned him that I know those mountains from youth and that unless he had someone waiting to pick him up immediately the dogs would get him. This is what happened. So while I suppose there was always the possibility he could be killed in the capture as I now recall it from the next day, a Saturday, I become less and less concerned about him being shot.

Little else new. The records keep pouring in, with a week off for some negotiating. I think we've worked out what means more compliance for us and much less work for the FBI than the alternative. It is to be drafted and signed this coming week. I do expect improved compliance on what remains.

Our best,

HW 7/9/77

Dear Paul, not long after I wrote the enclosed apology the mail came with your 7/7 and enclosures, all new to me, except for the fact of the movie being made. I'll keep a file on that. Schiller is the most like a hyena of all the scavengers. I mean I am keeping one, for others, for the future.

I'm not reading the Fensterwald book simply to be able to say I can't comment because I've not had time to read it. The concept is worthless and the content is junk, where relevant.

You are quite right on the red herring play, the utterly baseless theorizing that the JFK assassination was a kickback by Castro.

The first one to pull it, via the leak over the mafioso, was a former high DJ type, who did it through Jack Anderson. Circa 1967.

Nothing else new. Many thanks for the enclosures. Lil joins in

best, HW 7/9/77